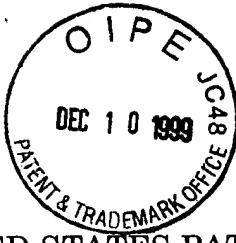


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For : A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EFFICIENTLY DRAWING
NURBS SURFACES FOR 3D GRAPHICS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 09/10/99, please amend the above-referenced Application as follows and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 5, 11 and 17 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) In a computer system having a processor, a bus, and a graphics rendering pipeline for displaying 3D graphics on a display, a computer implemented method for rendering a NURBS defined curve or surface without first converting the NURBS defined curve or surface to a polygon mesh, the method comprising the computer implemented steps of: